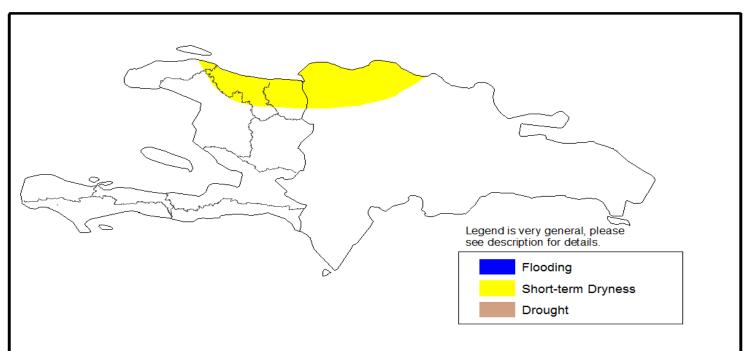






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET September 20 – September 26, 2012

Heavy rains fell across central Hispaniola as drier conditions were observed along the coast.



During the past seven days, rainfall across central portions of Hispaniola increased compared to rains during the past several weeks. Heavy rains (>40mm) were recorded across the Centre and northern Ouest departments of Haiti and into western Dominican Republic. Adequate rainfall across central Hispaniola has led to average to above-average vegetative conditions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Thirty-day rainfall amounts are close to average in central Hispaniola as well. In contrast, lighter rain (<15mm) was observed along the coast. While the southern coastline of Haiti observed heavy rains in August associated with Tropical Storm Isaac, the northern coastline has been drier. Moderate thirty-day rainfall deficits (20-100mm) have led to below-average vegetative conditions and the delaying of planting in the Nord-Ouest, Nord and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. Poor ground conditions extend into northwest Dominican Republic. For the next week, locally heavy rains (>40mm) are forecast across central and southern Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Drier conditions (<20mm) are expected across the northern coastline of Hispaniola likely maintaining or increasing rainfall deficits.